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FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF STOLEN FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Topeka, Kan., felon was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm.

Eric Eymard, 24, formerly of Topeka, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole.

On May 16, 2005, **Eymard** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Eymard** admitted that he was in possession of a Glock .40-caliber handgun between Nov. 17 and 18, 2004, in Greene County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Eymard** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for aggravated battery and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for attempted assault on a law enforcement officer. **Eymard** also admitted that the Glock .40-caliber handgun was a stolen firearm.

Eymard was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 19, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Kelleher. The case was investigated by the Tulsa, Okla., Police Department, the Bartlesville, Okla., Police Department, the Washington County, Okla., Sheriff's Department and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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